

**CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD  
MINUTES OF MEETING**

**January 21, 2003**

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, January 21, 2003 at the Department of Public Health Complex, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room A/B, Building 470, Hartford, Connecticut.

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***BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:***

Dennis G. O'Neill, MD, Chairman  
Ann Doremus  
Harriet A. Fellows, DO  
Robert Fuller, MD  
David M. Goldenberg, MD  
Velandy Manohar, MD  
Grant H. Miller, Jr., Esq.  
Pamela A. Nole  
John Russell, MD

***BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:***

Roberto Medina, MD  
George Terranova, MD  
Mary L. Warner, PA-C

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Dr. O'Neill called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

The Board observed a moment of silence in the memory of Sarah (Sally) McGirr who passed away on December 27, 2002. Sally was a member of the Board since April 1992. Dr. O'Neill drafted a letter which will be sent to Sally's husband.

***I. MINUTES***

The draft minutes of the December 17, 2002 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Manohar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Miller, to approve the minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.

***II. CHAIR UPDATES***

The following correspondence /information was received and reviewed:

1. The Board's request to the Connecticut State Dental Commission seeking intervenor status in the declaratory ruling proceeding regarding oral and maxillofacial surgeons.
2. Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) - NewsLine December 2002/January 2003 issue.
3. Department of Public Health legislative proposals.
4. USMLE survey regarding pass/fail standards. This will be referred to the Department of Public Health for completion.

Dr. O'Neill reminded the Board that the annual meeting of the FSMB is scheduled for April 10-12, 2003. Any board members interested in attending should notify the Board Liaison as soon as possible.

***III. INFORMATION UPDATES***

A. Department of Public Health

None

B. Connecticut State Medical Society

None

C. Legislative

None

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

**Reinstatement Application - Haklai Paul Lau, PA**

Shiu-Yu Kettering, Health Program Assistant, Department of Public Health, presented a reinstatement application of Haklai Paul Lau, PA.

Dr. Russell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Manohar, recommending reinstatement of Mr. Lau's physician assistant license. The motion passed unanimously.

**V. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS**

**A. Motion for Summary Suspension – David Boxwell, MD - Petition No. 2002-1213-001-257**

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with the Department of Public Health's Motion for Summary Suspension in the matter of David Boxwell, MD. Respondent was present without representation. Assistant Attorney General Henry Salton was present to provide counsel to the Board. Following a review of documents the option of a voluntary surrender of license was discussed. The Board provided the Department and respondent an opportunity to further discuss a voluntary surrender prior to acting on the motion for Summary Suspension.

**B. Consent Order - Beatrice Desper, MD, Petition No. 2001-0521-001-070**

Staff Attorney David Tilles presented a Consent Order in the matter of Beatrice Desper, MD. Dr. Desper was neither present nor represented.

Dr. Goldenberg made a motion, seconded by Ms. Nole, to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O'Neill signed the Order.

**C. Consent Order - William Garrity, DO, Petition No. 2002-0423-001-077**

Staff Attorney Diane Wilan presented a Consent Order in the matter of William Garrity, DO. Dr. Garrity was present with attorney Thomas A. Kenefick, III.

Ms. Nole made a motion, seconded by Dr. Manohar, to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O'Neill signed the Order.

**D. Motion for Summary Suspension – Randolph Ramirez, MD, Petition No. 2002-1121-001-238**

Staff Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with the Department of Public Health's Motion for Summary Suspension in the matter of Randolph Ramirez, MD. Respondent was present with attorney Philip Walker. Assistant Attorney General Henry Salton was present to provide counsel to the Board.

Attorney Walker presented information in objection to the Department's motion for Summary Suspension.

Mr. Miller made a motion, seconded by Ms. Nole, to enter executive session to obtain advice from the Assistant Attorney General. The motion passed unanimously and the Board entered executive session from 3:05 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.

Following executive session Mr. Miller made a motion, seconded by Dr. Manohar, to reject granting the motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed with all in favor except Ms. Nole who abstained.

The Board suggested that this matter could be resolved by means of a modified Consent Order.

**E. Interim Consent Order - Clark O'Brien, MD, - Petition No. 2002-1226-001-271**

Staff Attorney David Tilles presented an Interim Consent Order in the matter of Clark O'Brien, MD. Neither Dr. O'Brien or his attorney were present.

Dr. Manohar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Miller, to approve the Interim Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O'Neill signed the Order.

**F. David Boxwell, MD - Continued**

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton presented a motion to withdraw Statement of Charges in this matter based on a voluntary surrender of license executed by Dr. Boxwell and the Department. Dr. Manohar made a motion, seconded by Dr. Goldenberg, to approve the motion to withdraw Statement of Charges. The motion passed with all in favor, except Dr. Fellows who recused herself in this matter.

***VI. ASSIGN HEARING PANELISTS***

The Board Liaison will coordinate the scheduling of hearing dates for the following cases:

A. Raymond Jankowich, MD - Petition No. 2002-0314-001-052

Dr. Manohar will chair the hearing panel in this matter.

B. Michael Raccio (unlicensed) - Petition No. 2002-0617-000-036

Dr. Goldenberg will serve on the hearing panel in this matter.

***VII. TIME EXTENSIONS***

Mr. Miller moved and Ms. Nole seconded to approve 120-day extensions in the following cases:

M. Albini and J. Mershon - hearing to be scheduled for April 2003.

G. Azia, MD - awaiting Memorandum of Decision.

Y. Horanieh, DDS - awaiting Memorandum of Decision.

L. Pachter, DO - hearing scheduled for 2/18/2003

J. Silberstein, MD - hearing scheduled for 2/26/2003

The motion passed unanimously

***VIII. ADJOURNMENT***

Dr. Manohar made a motion, seconded by Dr. Fuller, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dennis G. O'Neill, MD, Chairman

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The following correspondence /information was received and reviewed:

1. Letter from Governor John Rowland acknowledging the resignation of Roberto Medina, MD from the Board effective February 4, 2003.
2. Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) - Annual meeting correspondence.
3. FSMB - Clinical Skills Examination Update.
4. FSMB - NewsLine.
5. FSMB - Legislative Services Report.
6. Request from the FSMB to schedule the biannual meeting with the Board
7. NY. Times editorial concerning disciplinary actions by Medical Boards and the FSMB response to the editorial.
8. Letter from the National Council for Prescription Drug Programs, Inc.
9. DPH draft letter to physicians concerning closure of investigations.
10. DPH quarterly investigations update.

***II. INFORMATION UPDATES***

A. Department of Public Health

None

B. Connecticut State Medical Society

Michele Norbeck announced that on April 23, 2003 at the Ramada Plaza Hotel, Meriden, Connecticut, the Medical Society will be hosting a forum on Access to Quality Healthcare.

C. Legislative

Bill No. 6288 - An Act Concerning the Connecticut Medical Examining Board. Dr. O'Neill submitted written testimony in opposition to this bill. Mary Warner attended the public hearing and testified in opposition to the bill.

**III. MINUTES**

The draft minutes of the January 21, 2003 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Manohar made a motion, seconded by Dr. Fuller, to approve the minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.

**IV. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Reporting of Adverse Events**

Wendy Furniss, Director, Health Systems Regulation provided an update on the reporting of adverse events by hospitals and surgical centers, which is required pursuant to Public Act 02-125. A copy of the Department of Public Health's report to the General Assembly was provided to the Board.

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Endorsement Application - Pattison Esmiol, MD**

Shiu-Yu Kettering, Health Program Assistant, Department of Public Health, presented an endorsement application of Pattison Esmiol, MD.

Dr. Goldenberg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Terranova, to accept Dr. Esmiol's education and training as being equivalent to the two year ACGME accredited training requirement. The motion passed unanimously.

**B. Oral Argument on Proposed Memorandum of Decision - Dennis Lansang, MD**

Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board in the matter of Dennis Lansang, MD, Petition No. 2002-0523-001-106. Staff Attorney David Tilles was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was not present or represented.

Dr. O'Neill and Ms. Doremus, hearing panelists in this matter, provided a synopsis of the hearing panel's findings and recommendations.

Following oral argument Dr. Fuller made a motion, seconded by Dr. Terranova, to add a paragraph to the decision requiring respondent to cooperate with the Department of Public Health in locating and providing copies of medical records to respondent's former patients, and to add a paragraph requiring that respondent provide proof of malpractice insurance coverage prior to resuming practice in Connecticut. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Manohar made a motion, seconded by Dr. Fuller, authorizing Dr. O'Neill to sign the Memorandum of Decision after the modifications have been made. The motion passed unanimously.

**C. Oral Argument on Proposed Memorandum of Decision - George Coppa, MD**

Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board in the matter of George Coppa, MD, Petition No. 2002-0725-001-143. Staff Attorney Diane Wilan was present for the Department of Public Health. Attorney Andrew Cohen was present on behalf of Dr. Coppa who was not present.

Mr. Miller made a motion seconded by Dr. Fuller to enter executive session to obtain legal advice from the Assistant Attorney General. The motion passed unanimously and the Board entered executive session from 2:35 p.m. until 2:44 p.m.

Following executive session the Board heard oral argument from Attorney Cohen and Attorney Wilan. Mr. Miller, a hearing panelists in this matter, provided a synopsis of the hearing panel's findings and recommendations.

Following oral argument Mr. Miller made a motion, seconded by Dr. Manohar, that respondent's motion to stay the proceedings in this matter be denied. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Fuller made a motion, seconded by Dr. Terranova, to adopt the Memorandum of Decision as written. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O'Neill signed the Order.

**VI. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS**

A. Interim Consent Order - Guy Owens, MD, Petition No. 2003-0206-001-032

Staff Attorney David Tilles presented an Interim Consent Order in the matter of Guy Owens, MD. Neither Dr. Owens or his attorney were present.

Dr. Terranova made a motion, seconded by Dr. Manohar, to approve the Interim Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor except Mr. Miller who recused himself. Dr. O'Neill signed the Order.

B. Consent Order - William Lewis, MD, Petition No. 2002-0228-001-042

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton presented a Consent Order in the matter of William Lewis, MD. Attorney William Dow was present on behalf of Dr. Lewis.

Dr. Terranova made a motion, seconded by Dr. Goldenberg, to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor except Mr. Miller who recused himself. Dr. O'Neill signed the Order.

C. Consent Order - Michael Ellwood, PA, Petition No. 2002-0815-023-005

Staff Attorney Stephen Miltimore presented a Consent Order in the matter of Michael Ellwood, PA. Attorney Larry Price was present on behalf of Mr. Ellwood.

Dr. Terranova made a motion, seconded by Mr. Miller, to approve the Consent Order with modifications to paragraphs e. and (2) on page 4. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O'Neill signed the Order.

D. Consent Order - Sheikh Ahmed, MD, Petition No. 2002-0520-001-098

Staff Attorney Roberta Swafford presented a Consent Order in the matter of Sheikh Ahmed, MD. Attorney Burt Sheperdson was present with Dr. Ahmed.

Mr. Miller made a motion, seconded by Dr. Goldenberg, to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O'Neill signed the Order.

E. Consent Order - Timothy Wright, DO, Petition No. 2002-0520-001-098

Staff Attorney David Tilles presented a modification of Consent Order in the matter of Timothy Wright, DO. Respondent was not present or represented.

Mr. Miller made a motion, seconded by Dr. Terranova, to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor except Ms. Doremus who abstained. Dr. O'Neill signed the Order.

F. Consent Order - Michael Raccio (unlicensed), Petition No. 2002-0617-000-036

Staff Attorney David Tilles presented a Consent Order and a motion to withdraw Statement of Charges based on the Consent Order in the matter of Michael Raccio. Respondent was not present or represented. Mr. Miller made a motion, seconded by Dr. Fuller, to approve the Consent Order and to grant the Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O'Neill signed the Order.

**VII. ASSIGN HEARING PANELISTS**

The Board Liaison will coordinate the scheduling of hearing dates for the following cases:

A. Louis Telesford, MD - Petition No. 2001-0612-001-079

Mr. Miller will chair the hearing panel in this matter.

B. Reynaldo Dimen, MD - Petition No. 2001-0802-001-113

Dr. Terranova will chair the hearing panel in this matter.

***VIII*** **TIME EXTENSIONS**

Dr. Goldenberg moved and Dr. Fuller seconded to approve 120-day extensions in the following cases:

J. Christoforo, MD - hearing to be scheduled for May or June 2003.

A. Seigel, MD - hearing scheduled for April 2003.

D. Lansang, MD- Memorandum of Decision to be signed following modifications.

The motion passed unanimously

***IX.*** **ADJOURNMENT**

Dr. Manohar made a motion, seconded by Ms. Doremus, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dennis G. O'Neill, MD, Chairman

**CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD  
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**April 15, 2003**

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***BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:*** Dennis G. O'Neill, MD, Chairman  
Ann Doremus  
Robert Fuller, MD  
Harriet A. Fellows, DO  
David M. Goldenberg, MD  
Velandy Manohar, MD  
Grant H. Miller, Jr., Esq.  
Pamela A. Nole  
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***BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:*** George Terranova, MD  
John Russell, MD

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Dr. O'Neill called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

The Bioterrorism Preparedness And Response presentation by Joxel Garcia, MD, MBA, Commissioner, Department of Public Health, will be rescheduled to the May 20, 2003 meeting.

***I. MINUTES***

The draft minutes of the March 18, 2003 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Fuller made a motion, seconded by Mr. Miller, to approve the minutes as edited. The motion passed with all in favor except Ms. Warner, Ms. Nole and Dr. Fellows who abstained.

***II. INFORMATION UPDATES***

A. Department of Public Health

None

B. Connecticut State Medical Society

None

C. Legislative

AN update prepared by the Department of Public Health's Government Relations Office was provided to the Board.

***III. OLD BUSINESS***

A. Investigation Dismissal Letters

Kathleen Boulware, Supervising Nurse Consultant, Department of Public Health was present to discuss the letter that the Department sends to respondents in cases in which formal action is not pursued. Ms. Boulware indicated that a closed investigation can be reopened if new evidence is discovered or if the case is subsequently determined to represent a pattern of conduct on behalf of a respondent.

B. Connecticut State Dental Commission - Declaratory Ruling

Medical Board Testimony regarding Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons

Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board.

Dr. Fellows made a motion, seconded by Ms. Doremus to authorize Dr. O'Neill to testify on behalf of the Board before the Connecticut State Dental Commission.

The Board discussed its views regarding the scope of practice of oral and maxillofacial surgeons. Dr. O'Neill will draft testimony with the assistance of the Assistant Attorney General.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Oral Argument on Proposed Memorandum of Decision - Gregory Azia, MD

Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board in the matter of Gregory Azia, MD, Petition No. 2000-1102-001-194. Staff Attorney David Tilles was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was present with Attorney Michael Neubert.

Ms. Nole, a hearing panelist in this matter, provided a synopsis of the hearing panel's findings and recommendations.

Following oral argument Dr. Goldenberg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Miller, to approve the Memorandum of Decision with a change to the last line of the decision. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O'Neill signed the Order.

C. Proposed Memorandum of Decision - Edward Zyla, MD

Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board in the matter of Edward Zyla, MD, Petition No. 2002-0415-001-072.

Ms. Nole and Dr. Fuller, hearing panelists in this matter, provided a synopsis of the hearing panel's findings and recommendations.

Mr. Miller made a motion, seconded by Dr. Goldenberg, to adopt the Memorandum of Decision as written. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O'Neill signed the Order.

**V. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS**

A. Motion for Summary Suspension – Walter Wroblewski, MD, Petition No. 2003-1211-001-037

Staff Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with the Department of Public Health's Motion for Summary Suspension in the matter of Walter Wroblewski, MD. Respondent was neither present nor represented. Assistant Attorney General Peter Brown was present to provide counsel to the Board.

Dr. Fuller made a motion, seconded by Ms. Nole, to grant the Summary Suspension of Dr.

Wroblewski's physician license. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O'Neill signed the Summary Suspension Order. A hearing in this matter will be scheduled for May 6, 2003. Mr. Miller will chair the hearing panel.

B. Motion for Summary Suspension – Liane Leedom, MD, Petition No. 2003-0326-001-072

Staff Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with the Department of Public Health's Motion for Summary Suspension in the matter of Liane Leedom, MD. Respondent was neither present nor represented. Assistant Attorney General Peter Brown was present to provide counsel to the Board.

Ms. Nole made a motion, seconded by Dr. Manohar, to grant the Summary Suspension of Dr.

Leedom's physician license. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O'Neill signed the Summary Suspension Order. A hearing in this matter will be scheduled for April 29, 2003. Dr. O'Neill will chair the hearing panel. The other panelists will be Ms. Doremus and Ms. Warner.

Dr. Fuller left for the day at 2:45 p.m.

C. Consent Order - Jeffrey Herman, MD, Petition No. 2002-0530-001-111

Staff Attorney Leslie Scoville presented a Consent Order in the matter of Jeffrey Herman, MD.

Respondent was present with Attorney Michael Neubert.

Dr. Goldenberg made a motion, seconded by Ms. Warner, to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O'Neill signed the Order.

Following discussion of the last Consent Order, the Board requested that at the May 2003 meeting, the Department of Public Health address the Board as to the criteria used to determine if a case will be afforded confidentiality. The Connecticut Medical Society is also invited to comment on this issue.

D. Consent Order - Lloyd Mitler, MD, Petition No. 2002-0822-001-148

Staff Attorney Roberta Swafford presented a Consent Order in the matter of Lloyd Mitler, MD.

Neither respondent nor his attorney were present.

Mr. Miller made a motion, seconded by Ms. Warner, to table this matter until the May 2003 meeting so as to allow respondent to be present. The motion passed with all in favor except Ms. Nole and Dr. O'Neill who were opposed.

Dr. O'Neill made a motion seconded by Ms. Nole to enter executive session to obtain legal advice from Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro. The motion passed unanimously and the Board entered executive session from 3:10 p.m. to 3:23 p.m.

Following executive session Mr. Miller made a motion, seconded by Ms. Nole to put the Consent Order in the matter of Lloyd Mitler, MD back on the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Warner made a motion, seconded by Mr. Miller to reject to Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor except Ms. Nole and Dr. Goldenberg.

E. Consent Order - Michele Stevens, (Unlicensed) - Petition No. 2002-1023-000-095

Staff Attorney Roberta Swafford presented a Consent Order in the matter of Michele Stevens.

Respondent was present without representation.

Ms. Nole made a motion, seconded by Dr. Goldenberg, to approve the Cease and Desist Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O'Neill signed the Order.

F. Consent Order - Clark O'Brien, MD, Petition No. 2002-1226-001-271

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Dr. Manohar made a motion, seconded by Dr. Fellows, to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously.. Dr. O'Neill signed the Order.

**VI. ASSIGN HEARING PANELISTS**

The Board Liaison will coordinate the scheduling of hearing dates for the following cases:

A. Francis Mayeda, MD - Petition No. 2001-0316-001-042

Ms. Warner will chair the hearing panel in this matter.

B. Jose Pacheco, MD - Petition No. 2001-0927-001-149

Ms. Nole will chair the hearing panel in this matter.

C. Miles Jones, MD - Petition No. 2002-0904-001-170

Dr. O'Neill will chair the hearing panel in this matter.

***VII. TIME EXTENSIONS***

Dr. Manohar moved and Dr. Goldenberg seconded to approve 120-day extensions in the following cases:

J. Hall, MD - hearing scheduled April 24, 2003.

R. Jankowich, MD - hearing scheduled for June 27, 2003.

E. Khu, MD - hearing scheduled for May 27, 2003.

R. Ramirez, MD - hearing scheduled for May 12, 2003.

P. Scalise, MD - hearing scheduled for June 3 2003.

R. Zborowski, DDS - on hold pending dental declaratory ruling.

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**VI. ASSIGN HEARING PANELISTS**

The Board Liaison will coordinate the scheduling of hearing dates for the following cases:

A. Francis Mayeda, MD - Petition No. 2001-0316-001-042

Ms. Warner will chair the hearing panel in this matter.

B. Jose Pacheco, MD - Petition No. 2001-0927-001-149

Ms. Nole will chair the hearing panel in this matter.

C. Miles Jones, MD - Petition No. 2002-0904-001-170

Dr. O'Neill will chair the hearing panel in this matter.

***VII. TIME EXTENSIONS***

Dr. Manohar moved and Dr. Goldenberg seconded to approve 120-day extensions in the following cases:

J. Hall, MD - hearing scheduled April 24, 2003.

R. Jankowich, MD - hearing scheduled for June 27, 2003.

E. Khu, MD - hearing scheduled for May 27, 2003.

R. Ramirez, MD - hearing scheduled for May 12, 2003.

P. Scalise, MD - hearing scheduled for June 3 2003.

R. Zborowski, DDS - on hold pending dental declaratory ruling.

***VIII. ADJOURNMENT***

Dr. Manohar made a motion, seconded by Ms. Warner, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dennis G. O'Neill, MD, Chairman

**CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD  
MINUTES OF MEETING**

**May 20, 2003**

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, May 20, 2003 at the Department of Public Health Complex, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room A/B, Building 470, Hartford, Connecticut.

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***BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:*** Dennis G. O'Neill, MD, Chairman  
Ann Doremus  
Robert Fuller, MD  
David M. Goldenberg, MD  
Grant H. Miller, Jr., Esq.  
Mary L. Warner, PA-C

***BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:*** Harriet A. Fellows, DO  
Velandy Manohar, MD  
Pamela A. Nole  
George Terranova, MD  
John Russell, MD

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Dr. O'Neill called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

***I. MINUTES***

The draft minutes of the April 15, 2003 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Goldenberg made a motion, seconded by Ms. Warner, to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

***II. CHAIR UPDATES***

The following correspondence /information was received and reviewed:

1. Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) - Legislative Services Report
2. Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Public Health, Office of the Attorney General, and the Division of Criminal Justice
3. Correspondence from Assistant Attorney General Richard Lynch with articles from the *Journal of Law, Medicine & Ethics*.
4. Letter from the Bayer Institute of Health Care Communication.

***III. INFORMATION UPDATES***

A. Department of Public Health

None

B. Connecticut State Medical Society

None

C. Legislative

A legislative update was previously e-mailed to the Board members.

***IV. OLD BUSINESS***

A. Connecticut State Dental Commission - Declaratory Ruling  
Medical Board Testimony regarding Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons

Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. Mr. Miller made a motion, seconded by Dr. Fellows to adopt the testimony written by Dr. O'Neill and filed with the Connecticut State Dental Commission on May 15, 2003. The motion passed unanimously.

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

**Oral Argument on Proposed Memorandum of Decision – Youssef Horanieh, MD**

This matter will be taken up at the June 17, 2003 meeting.

**VI. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS**

**A. Consent Order – Morris J. Seide, MD, Petition No. 2002-0808-001-158**

Staff Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented a Consent Order in the matter of Morris J. Seide, MD. Neither respondent nor his attorney was present.

Dr. Fuller made a motion, seconded by Dr. Goldenberg, to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O'Neill signed the Order.

**B. Motion for Summary Suspension – Tadeusz Skowron, MD, Petition No. 2003-0502-001-104**

Staff Attorney Roberta Swafford presented the Board with the Department of Public Health's Motion for Summary Suspension in the matter of Tadeusz Skowron, MD. Respondent was present but not represented. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Warner recused herself in this matter.

Attorney Swafford presented a Motion to Amend Statement of Charges. Respondent did not object to the Department's motion. Dr. Goldenberg made a motion, seconded by Ms. Doremus, to grant Department's motion to amend the statement of charges. The motion passed with all in favor except Ms. Warner who recused herself.

Mr. Miller made a motion, seconded by Dr. Fuller, to enter executive session to obtain advice from the Assistant Attorney General. The motion passed unanimously and the Board entered executive session from 2:10 p.m. until 2:25 p.m.

Following executive session, Mr. Miller made a motion, seconded by Dr. Goldenberg, to deny the Department's Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed with all in favor except Ms. Doremus who was opposed and Ms. Warner who recused herself.

The Board informed Dr. Skowron and the Department that it would expedite the hearing in this matter. The hearing will be scheduled for Thursday, May 29, 2003 at 9:00 a.m.. Mr. Miller will chair the hearing panel. The other panelists will be Dr. Fuller and Dr. Fellows.

**VII. ASSIGN HEARING PANELISTS**

The Board Liaison will coordinate the scheduling of hearing dates for the following case:  
**Francisco Carbone, MD - Petition No. 2002-1205-001-242**

**VIII. TIME EXTENSIONS**

Mr. Miller moved and Dr. Fuller seconded to approve 120-day extensions in the following cases:

M. Albin, MD - hearing scheduled July 25, 2003 and August 8, 2003.

Y. Horanieh, MD – Proposed Memorandum of Decision to be presented in June 17, 2003.

J. Mershon, MD - hearing scheduled July 25, 2003 and August 8, 2003.

L. Pachter, MD - hearing scheduled for July 2003.

J. Silberstein, MD - hearing scheduled for May 30 2003.

C. Sweeney, DDS – Proposed Memorandum of Decision being drafted.

The motion passed unanimously.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

Dr. Manohar made a motion, seconded by Ms. Warner, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dennis G. O'Neill, MD, Chairman

**CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**June 17, 2003**

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, June 17, 2003 at the Department of Public Health Complex, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room A/B, Building 470, Hartford, Connecticut.

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***BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:*** Dennis G. O'Neill, MD, Chairman  
Ann Doremus  
Robert Fuller, MD  
Velandy Manohar, MD  
Grant H. Miller, Jr., Esq.  
Pamela A. Nole  
George Terranova, MD

***BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:*** Harriet A. Fellows, DOO  
David M. Goldenberg, MD  
John Russell, MD  
Mary L. Warner, PA-C

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Dr. O'Neill called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

***I. BIOTERRORISM PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE***

Joxel Garcia, MD, MBA, Commissioner, Department of Public Health was present to provide a overview of the Department's bioterrorism preparedness and response plan.

***II. INFORMATION UPDATES***

A. Department of Public Health

None

B. Connecticut State Medical Society

None

C. Legislative

A legislative update from the Department's Office of Government relations was available for review.

***III. MINUTES***

The draft minutes of the May 20, 2003 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Fuller made a motion, seconded by Mr. Miller, to approve the minutes. The motion passed with all in favor except Ms. Nole and Dr. Manohar who abstained.

***IV. NEW BUSINESS***

Oral Argument on Proposed Memorandum of Decision – Youssef Horanieh, MD

Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. Staff Attorney David Tilles was present for the Department of Public Health. Dr. Horanieh was present with Attorney Paul Edwards.

Following oral argument, Dr. Terranova provided a synopsis of the hearing panel's findings and recommendation.

Dr. Terranova made a motion, seconded by Mr. Miller, to adopt the proposed Memorandum of Decision. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O'Neill signed the decision.

**V. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS**

**A. Consent Order – Paul Scalise, MD, Petition No. 2001-0209-001-024**

Staff Attorney David Tilles presented a Consent Order in the matter of Paul Scalise, MD.

Respondent was present with Attorney Kristin Connors.

Ms. Nole made a motion, seconded by Ms. Doremus, to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O'Neill signed the Order.

**B. Consent Order – Jan Silberstein, MD, Petition No. 2000-0209-001-024**

Staff Attorney David Tilles presented a Consent Order in the matter of Jan Silberstein, MD.

Respondent was present with Attorney Joseph Musco.

Dr. Terranova made a motion, seconded by Dr. Manohar, to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O'Neill signed the Order.

**C. Consent Order – William Garrity, MD, Petition No. 2001-0724-001-106**

Staff Attorney Diane Wilan presented a Modification of Consent Order in the matter of William Garrity, MD. Respondent was not present or represented. Ms. Nole made a motion, seconded by Dr. Fuller, to approve the modification of consent order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O'Neill signed the Order.

**D. Motion for Summary Suspension – Tadeusz Skowron, MD, Petition No. 2003-0502-001-104**

Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. Staff Attorney David Tilles presented the Board with the Department of Public Health's Motion for Summary Suspension in the matter of Tadeusz Skowron, MD. Respondent was not present or represented.

After much discussion Mr. Miller made a motion, seconded by Ms. Doremus, to grant the Department's Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed with all in favor except Ms. Nole, Dr. Fuller and Dr. O'Neill who were opposed. Dr. O'Neill signed the Order.

**VI. TIME EXTENSIONS**

Ms. Nole moved and Dr. Terranova seconded to approve 120-day extensions in the following cases:

R. Dimen, MD - hearing held June 17, 2003, awaiting fact-finding.

M. Jones, MD – hearing scheduled August 19, 2003.

L. Leedom, MD - hearing scheduled September 16, 2003.

F. Mayeda, MD - hearing scheduled July 15, 2003.

J. Telesford, MD – awaiting voluntary agreement

W. Wroblewski, MD – hearing date to be rescheduled

The motion passed unanimously.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Dr. Manohar made a motion, seconded by Ms. Nole, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dennis G. O'Neill, MD, Chairman

**CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
July 15, 2003**

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, July 15, 2003 at the Department of Public Health Complex, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room A/B, Building 470, Hartford, Connecticut.

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***BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:***

Dennis G. O'Neill, MD, Chairman  
Ann Doremus  
Harriet A. Fellows, DO  
David M. Goldenberg, MD  
Velandy Manohar, MD  
Grant H. Miller, Jr., Esq.  
Pamela A. Nole

***BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:***

Robert Fuller, MD  
John Russell, MD  
George Terranova, MD  
Mary L. Warner, PA-C

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Dr. O'Neill called the meeting to order at 1:37 p.m.

***I. MINUTES***

The draft minutes of the June 17, 2003 meeting were reviewed. Mr. Miller made a motion, seconded by Ms. Nole, to approve the minutes. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Fellows and Dr. Goldenberg who abstained.

***II. CHAIR UPDATES***

The following correspondence /information was received and reviewed:

1. Information submitted by Ann Doremus from Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) annual meeting.
2. FSMB - Newslite
3. FSMB Legislative Updates for June and July 2003
4. FSMB Letter regarding the Clinical Skills Examination
5. Communication from the Connecticut Cancer Society regarding pain management guidelines.
6. Article submitted by Dr. Manohar concerning adverse events.
7. Communication from the American Academy of Cosmetic Surgery.

***III. INFORMATION UPDATES***

- A. Department of Public Health  
None
- B. Connecticut State Medical Society  
None
- C. Legislative

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

Physician participation in rehabilitation programs – CGS § 20-13e(b)

The Board heard comments from Wendy Furniss, Bureau Chief, Bureau of Healthcare Systems; Stanley Peck, Director, Department of Public Health, Legal Office; Michelle Norbeck and Neil Grey, MD of the Connecticut State Medical Society.

Mr. Peck discussed the history involving the implementation of CGS § 20-13e(b) and the development of the protocol between the Department of Public Health and the Connecticut State Medical Society Physician Health Program which allows for confidential agreements between a physician and the Department of Public Health for confidential rehabilitation.

Ms. Furniss discussed the process by which the Department of Public Health decides to pursue formal charges against a respondent, whether to recommend settlement by a Consent Order or to recommend confidential rehabilitation.

Dr. Grey presented the Connecticut State Medical Society's position regarding this issue and discussed the process by which the Medical Society evaluates a physician to determine suitability for a confidential rehabilitation program.

Ms. Norbeck provided the Board with a packet of information concerning the Medical Society's Physician Health Program.

**V. OLD BUSINESS**

A. Reporting of Adverse Events

Wendy Furniss, Bureau Chief, Bureau of Healthcare Systems provided an update on the reporting of adverse events by hospitals and surgical centers, which is required pursuant to Public Act 02-125.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

Endorsement Application - Thomas Goodman, MD

Shiu-Yu Kettering, Health Program Assistant, Department of Public Health, presented an endorsement application of Thomas Goodman, MD.

Dr. Goldenberg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Manohar, to accept Dr. Goodman's education and training as being equivalent to the two year ACGME accredited training requirement. The motion passed unanimously.

**VII. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS**

A. Consent Order – Richard Frazier, DMD, Petition No. 2002-1218-002-097

Staff Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented a Cease and Desist Consent Order in the matter of Richard Frazier, DMD. Respondent was not present or represented.

Dr. O'Neill recused himself from voting in this matter. Dr. Fellows made a motion, seconded by Dr. Goldenberg, to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O'Neill signed the Order.

Dr. Fellows left the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges Based on Voluntary Agreement Not to Renew License - Raymond Jankowich, MD, Petition No. 2000-1314-001-052

Staff Attorney David Tilles, presented the Department of Public Health's Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges in the matter of Raymond Jankowich, MD. Attorney Philip Walker was present on behalf of Dr. Jankowich.

Dr. Manohar made a motion, seconded by Dr. Goldenberg, to grant the Department of Public Health's Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges based on Dr. Jankowich's agreement not to renew his license. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O'Neill signed the Order.

**VIII. ASSIGN HEARING PANELISTS**

The Board Liaison will coordinate the scheduling of hearing dates for the following case:  
Thomas Cherry, Jr., MD – Petition No. 2002-0109-001-004  
Dr. Terranova will chair the hearing panel in this matter; Ms. Doremus will also be a panelist.

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

Proposed Memorandum of Decision – Tadeusz Skowron, MD, Petition No. 2003-0502-001-104

Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board.  
Dr. Skowron was present without representation. Staff Attorney David Tilles was present for the Department of Public Health. The Board heard comments from Dr. Skowron and Attorney Tilles. Mr. Miller made a motion, seconded by Dr. Manohar, to enter executive session to obtain legal advice from the Assistant Attorney General. The Board entered executive session from 3:20 p.m. to 3:28 p.m. Upon the advice of the Assistant Attorney General the Board considered the comments of Dr. Skowron to be a motion to re-open the hearing in this matter so as to present evidence as to his malpractice insurance coverage.

Mr. Miller made a motion, seconded by Dr. Goldenberg, to grant respondent's motion to re-open the hearing so as to present evidence to the hearing panel as to his malpractice insurance coverage.. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Miller made a motion, seconded by Dr. Goldenberg, to table action on the proposed Memorandum of Decision and to remand this matter to the hearing panel for further proceedings. The motion passed unanimously.

The Summary Suspension of Dr. Skowron's physician license order on June 17, 2003 will remain in effect

Motion for Order - George Swartz, MD, Petition No. 2001-0104-001-006

Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board.  
Dr. Swartz was present with Attorney David Shaiken. Staff Attorney Matthew Antonetti was present for the Department of Public Health. The Board heard comments from Attorney Shaiken and Attorney Antonetti regarding Dr. Swartz's motion that the Board issue an order with respect to Dr. Swartz's compliance with the terms of a December 17, 2003 Consent Order.

Mr. Miller made a motion, seconded by Ms. Nole, to deny Dr. Swartz's Motion for Order . The motion passed unanimously.

**X. TIME EXTENSIONS**

Ms. Nole moved and Dr. Manohar seconded to approve 120-day extensions in the following cases:

J. Christoforo, MD – fact-finding scheduled for July 22, 2003.

J. Pacheco, MD – hearing scheduled August 27, 2003.

A. Siegel, MD - hearing scheduled November 18, 2003.

C. Sweeney, MD – Proposed Memorandum of Decision being reviewed by the hearing panel.

The motion passed unanimously.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

Dr. Manohar made a motion, seconded by Ms. Nole , to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dennis G. O'Neill, MD, Chairman

**CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
August 19, 2003**

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, August 19, 2003 at the Department of Public Health Complex, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room A/B, Building 470, Hartford, Connecticut.

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***BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:*** Dennis G. O'Neill, MD, Chairman  
Ann Doremus  
David M. Goldenberg, MD  
Velandy Manohar, MD  
Grant H. Miller, Jr., Esq.  
George Terranova, MD  
Mary L. Warner, PA-C

***BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:*** Harriet A. Fellows, DO  
Robert Fuller, MD  
Pamela A. Nole  
John Russell, MD

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Dr. O'Neill called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

***I. MINUTES***

The draft minutes of the July 15, 2003 meeting were reviewed. Mr. Miller made a motion, seconded by Dr. Goldenberg, to approve the minutes. The motion passed with all in favor except Ms. Warner who abstained.

***II. CHAIR UPDATES***

The following correspondence/information was received and reviewed:

1. Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) handbook.
2. FSMB – Expert Testimony of Medical Experts
3. Notice of Hearing - Connecticut State Dental Commission, Declaratory Ruling
4. FSMB Letter regarding the Clinical Skills Examination
5. Quarterly investigations update from Kathleen Boulware, Department of Public Health.
6. Center for Personalized Education for Physicians – announcement of the *CPEP Learning Summit* scheduled for October 16-17, 2003.
7. Correspondence from the American Cancer Society - New England Division requesting discussion regarding proposed guidelines for the use of controlled substances for the treatment of pain. This matter will be on the September 16, 2003 meeting agenda.

***III. INFORMATION UPDATES***

***A. Department of Public Health***

Donna Brewer, Director, Public Health Hearing Office reported that the web-page for the Connecticut Medical Examining Board is up and running. The web-page can be accessed through the Department of Public Health web-site under Boards and Commissions in the Department's Agency Service Directory.

***B. Connecticut State Medical Society***

None

**IV. OLD BUSINESS**

**Consideration of Summary Suspension Order – Tadeusz Skowron, MD**

Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. Dr. Skowron was present but not represented. Staff Attorney Roberta Swafford was present on behalf of the Department of Public Health.

Mr. Miller provided a synopsis of the hearing in this matter which was held on August 18, 2003, and the proposed recommendation of the hearing panel.

Mr. Miller made a motion, seconded by Dr. Manohar, to vacate the June 17, 2002 summary suspension of respondent's physician license, and pending the issuance of a Memorandum of Decision in this matter, that respondent's physician license be reinstated to probation pursuant to the conditions as set forth in a Memorandum of Decision dated May 21, 2002. The motion passed with all in favor except Ms. Warner who recused herself.

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

**Endorsement Application – Paul Richard Pilot, MD**

Shiu-Yu Kettering, Health Program Assistant, Department of Public Health, presented an endorsement application of Paul Richard Pilot, MD.

Dr. Goldenberg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Terranova, to accept Dr. Pilot's education and training as being equivalent to the two year ACGME accredited training requirement. The motion passed unanimously.

**VI. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS**

**A. Consent Order – Mukesh Shah, MD, Petition No. 2002-0419-001-075**

Staff Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented a Consent Order in the matter of Mukesh Shah, MD. Neither respondent nor his attorney was present.

Mr. Miller made a motion to reject the Consent Order. Dr. Terranova seconded the motion for discussion. Following discussion Mr. Miller withdrew his motion to reject the Consent Order.

Mr. Miller then made a motion, seconded by Ms. Warner, to table this matter to allow respondent and his attorney to be present. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. O'Neill who was opposed and Dr. Goldenberg who recused himself.

**B. Consent Order – Ernest Steinhilber, MD, Petition No. 2003-0107-001-002**

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton presented a Consent Order in the matter of Ernest Steinhilber, MD. Respondent was not present or represented.

Ms. Warner made a motion, seconded by Mr. Miller to reject the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. The Board commented that it needs more information to determine the appropriate action to be taken. The Board further commented that the Department should have been better prepared in presenting this matter.

**VII. TIME EXTENSIONS**

Dr. Goldenberg moved and Ms. Warner seconded to approve 120-day extensions in the following cases:

F. Carbone, MD – hearing to be scheduled.

D. Hall, MD – proposed Memorandum of Decision has been referred to the Assistant Attorney General for review.

E. Khu, MD - proposed Memorandum of Decision being drafted.

R. Ramierez, MD – proposed Memorandum of Decision has been referred to the Assistant Attorney General for review.

R. Zborowski, DDS – on hold pending issuance of Connecticut State Dental Commission, Declaratory Ruling

The motion passed unanimously.

***VIII. ADJOURNMENT***

Dr. Manohar made a motion, seconded by Ms. Warner , to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 2:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dennis G. O'Neill, MD, Chairman

**CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**September 16, 2003**

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, September 16, 2003 at the Department of Public Health Complex, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room A/B, Building 470, Hartford, Connecticut.

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***BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:***

Dennis G. O'Neill, MD, Chairman  
Ann Doremus  
Harriet A. Fellows, DO  
Robert Fuller, MD  
David M. Goldenberg, MD  
Velandy Manohar, MD  
Pamela A. Nole  
George Terranova, MD

***BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:***

Grant H. Miller, Jr., Esq.  
John Russell, MD  
Mary L. Warner, PA-C

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Dr. O'Neill called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

***I. CHAIR UPDATES***

The following correspondence/information was received and reviewed:

1. Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB), call for nominations and appointment recommendations handbook.
2. FSMB, call for resolutions for the 2004 annual meeting

***II. INFORMATION UPDATES***

A. Department of Public Health

None.

B. Connecticut State Medical Society

None

C. Legislative Updates

Karen Buckley-Bates, Department of Public Health, Office of Government Relations reported that the Department is in the early stages of developing its legislative package for 2004.

***III. MINUTES***

The draft minutes of the August 19, 2003 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Goldenberg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Manohar, to approve the minutes. The motion passed with all in favor except Ms. Nole, Dr. Fellows and Dr. Fuller who abstained.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Proposed Memorandum of Decision – Craig Sweeney, MD**

Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. Staff Attorney Leslie Scoville was present for the Department of Public Health. Attorney Priya Morganstern was present for Dr. Sweeney.

Dr. Manohar and Ms. Nole, hearing panelists in this matter, provided a synopsis of the hearing panel's findings and recommendation.

Following discussion Dr. Terranova made a motion, seconded by Dr. Goldenberg, to amend the proposed decision by requiring that the continuing education provision be for a total of 70 hours. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Fellows who was opposed.

Dr. Goldenberg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Terranova to approve the decision as amended. Following further discussion, no votes were cast in favor of the motion.

Dr. Fuller made a motion, seconded by Dr. Terranova, to further amend the proposed decision by requiring a quarterly random review of 10 percent of respondent's charts. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Fellows made a motion, seconded by Ms. Doremus, to approve the decision with both amendments and to authorize Dr. O'Neill to sign the order once the changes had been made. The motion passed unanimously.

**B. Proposed Memorandum of Decision – Tadeusz Skowron, MD**

Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. Staff Attorney Roberta Swafford was present for the Department of Public Health. Dr. Skowron was present without representation.

Dr. Manohar made a motion, seconded by Dr. Fuller, to approve the decision. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O'Neill signed the order.

**C. Draft Guidelines for the use of controlled substances in the treatment t of pain.**

Assistant Attorney General Henry Salton was present to provide counsel to the Board. Dr. O'Neill presented a synopsis of the request for guidelines made by the American Cancer Society – New England Pain Initiative. Dr. O'Neill expressed the Board's interest in addressing this issue. The Board reviewed various letters of support from physicians and from Connecticut Attorney General Richard Blumenthal. David Russell, MD and Edward Hargus, MD addressed the Board on behalf of the Connecticut Cancer Pain Initiative.

Attorney Salton reported that this matter has been reviewed by the Board of Examiners for Nursing and the State Pharmacy Commission. The Pharmacy Commission asked for assistance from the Office of the Attorney General and requested a meeting with the Board of Examiners for Nursing and the Connecticut Medical Examining Board to determine if regulations and/or statutes need to be developed. Dr. O'Neill, Dr. Terranova and Dr. Manohar expressed an interest in participating in a meeting with the Board of Examiners for Nursing and Pharmacy Commission. The meeting will be organized by Attorney Salton. All Board members will be notified as to when and where the meeting will take place.

**V. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS**

**A. Consent Order – Daniel Marshall, MD, Petition No. 2002-1213-001-203**

Staff Attorney Diane Wilan presented a Consent Order in the matter of Daniel Marshall, MD. Neither respondent nor his attorney was present.

After much discussion, Dr. Goldenberg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Fuller to approve the Consent Order. Dr. Goldenberg, Dr. Fuller and Dr. O'Neill voted in favor of the motion. Ms. Doremus, Ms. Nole, Dr. Fellows, Dr. Manohar and Dr. Terranova voted in opposition to the motion. Approval of the Consent Order failed.

B. Consent Order – Louis Telesford, MD, Petition No. 2001-0621-001-179

Staff Attorney David Tilles presented a Consent Order in the matter of Louis Telesford, MD. Neither respondent nor his attorney was present.

Dr. Terranova made a motion, seconded by Dr. Manohar to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O’Neill signed the Order.

C. Modification of Consent Order – Brian Sandridge, MD, Petition No. 2002-0520-001-098

Staff Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented a modification of Consent Order in the matter of Brian Sandridge, MD. Respondent was present but not represented. During discussion the Board suggested revisions to the Modification of Consent Order which were agreed to by respondent and the Department.

Dr. Terranova made a motion, seconded by Dr. Manohar, to approve the Modification of Consent Order as amended. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O’Neill signed the Order.

D. Consent Order – David Steckler, MD, Petition No. 2002-1001-001-185

Staff Attorney David Tilles presented a Consent Order in the matter of David Steckler, MD. Attorney Maureen Dinan was present on behalf of respondent.

Dr. Fellows made a motion, seconded by Dr. Fuller to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O’Neill signed the Order.

E. Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges Based on Voluntary Surrender of License - Arthur Siegel, MD, Petition No. 2001-1121-001-175

Staff Attorney David Tilles, presented the Department of Public Health’s Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges in the matter of Arthur Siegel, MD. Neither respondent nor his attorney was present.

Dr. Terranova made a motion, seconded by Dr. Goldenberg, to grant the Department of Public Health’s Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges based on Dr. Siegel’s voluntary surrender of his license. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O’Neill signed the Order.

**VI. ASSIGN HEARING PANELISTS**

Dennis Lansang, MD - Petition No. 2003-0507-001-110

Dr. Fuller and Ms. Doremus will be hearing panelists in this matter. The hearing will be scheduled for November 18, 2003.

**VII. TIME EXTENSIONS**

Dr. Manohar moved and Dr. Goldenberg seconded to approve 120-day extensions in the following cases:

M. Albini (unlicensed) – hearing scheduled for October 9, 2003.

J. Mershon (unlicensed) – hearing scheduled for October 9, 2003.

L. Pachter, DO – Hearing scheduled for October 28, 2003.

The motion passed unanimously.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Dr. Manohar made a motion, seconded by Dr. Fuller, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dennis G. O’Neill, MD, Chairman

**CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
October 21, 2003**

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, October 21, 2003 at the Department of Public Health Complex, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room A/B, Building 470, Hartford, Connecticut.

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***BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:*** Dennis G. O'Neill, MD, Chairman  
Ann Doremus  
Harriet A. Fellows, DO  
David M. Goldenberg, MD  
Grant H. Miller, Jr., Esq.  
Velandy Manohar, MD  
Pamela A. Nole  
George Terranova, MD

***BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:*** Robert Fuller, MD  
John Russell, MD  
Mary L. Warner, PA-C

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Dr. O'Neill called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

***I. MINUTES***

The draft minutes of the September 16, 2003 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Goldenberg made a motion, seconded by Ms. Nole, to approve the minutes. The motion passed

***II. CHAIR UPDATES***

The following correspondence/information was received and reviewed:

1. Connecticut Cancer Pain Initiative – Report and Recommendations of the Connecticut Pain Summit
2. Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) - Annual Needs Assessment
3. FSMB - call for nominations for awards, 2004 annual meeting.
4. FSMB – August 2, 2003 Board of Directors Highlights
5. International Association of Medical Regulatory Authorities – Membership invitation.
6. FSMB – September 2003 Legislative Services Report.
7. Superior Court Decision dismissing the Abraham Solomon appeal.

***III. INFORMATION UPDATES***

- A. Department of Public Health  
None.
- B. Connecticut State Medical Society  
None

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Proposed Memorandum of Decision – Dudley Hall, MD, 2001-0503-001-064**

Assistant Attorney General Henry Salton was present to provide counsel to the Board. Staff Attorney David Tilles was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was not present or represented.

The Board reviewed a letter from respondent asking that the Board postpone voting on the Memorandum of Decision in this matter. The Board heard comments from Attorney Tilles regarding respondent's request.

Mr. Miller made a motion, seconded by Dr. Manohar, to deny respondents' request for postponement of the vote on the Memorandum of Decision. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Fellows who was opposed.

Mr. Miller, a hearing panelist in this matter, provided a synopsis of the panel's findings and recommendations. Dr. Fellows, also a panelist, offered her comments to the Board.

Dr. Manohar made a motion, seconded by Dr. Goldenberg, to adopt the Memorandum of Decision in this matter. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O'Neill signed the Order.

**B. Proposed Memorandum of Decision – Randolph Ramirez, MD, 2002-1122-001-238**

Assistant Attorney General Henry Salton was present to provide counsel to the Board. Staff Attorney Leslie Scoville was present for the Department of Public Health. Dr. Ramirez was present with Attorney Philip Walker.

Mr. Terranova and Ms. Doremus, hearing panelists in this matter, provided a synopsis of the panel's findings and recommendations.

Ms. Nole made a motion, seconded by Dr. Manohar, to amend the decision by correcting a date in paragraph 5 on page 2. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Nole made a motion, seconded by Dr. Manohar, to adopt the Memorandum of Decision as amended. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O'Neill signed the order.

**V. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS**

**A. Consent Order – Daniel Marshall, MD, Petition No. 2002-1213-001-203**

Staff Attorney Diane Wilan presented a Consent Order in the matter of Daniel Marshall, MD. Attorney Richard Robinson was present on behalf of respondent.

The Board at its September 16, 2003 meeting previously reviewed this Consent Order. No changes to the proposed Order have been made.

The Board obtained relevant information from the Department and respondent's attorney.

After considerable discussion, Ms. Nole made a motion, seconded by Dr. Terranova to reject the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously.

**B. Consent Order – Andrew Murphy, MD, Petition No. 2001-0417-001-057**

Staff Attorney Leslie Scoville presented a Consent Order in the matter of Andrew Murphy, MD. Respondent was present with Attorney Eric Niederer.

Dr. Fellows made a motion to enter executive session to obtain legal advice from the Assistant Attorney General. Ms. Doremus seconded the motion. Following discussion Dr. Fellows withdrew her motion.

Ms. Nole made a motion, seconded by Dr. Manohar to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Fellows who was opposed. Dr. O'Neill signed the Order.

**C. Consent Order – Mukesh Shah, MD, Petition No. 2002-0419-001-075**

Staff Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented a modification of Consent Order in the matter of Mukesh Shah, MD. Respondent was present with Attorney James Biando. Following discussion Dr. Terranova made a motion, seconded by Mr. Miller, to reject the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. O'Neill who was opposed and Dr. Goldenberg who recused himself.

D. Consent Order – Mark Decker, MD, Petition No. 2001-0417-001-058

Staff Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented a Consent Order in the matter of Mark Decker, MD. Attorney Paul Edwards was present with respondent.

Ms. Nole made a motion, seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously with all in favor except Dr Fellows and Dr. O’Neill who recused themselves in this matter

E. Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges Based on Voluntary Surrender of License - Walter Wroblewski, MD, Petition No. 2003-0211-001-037

Staff Attorney Leslie Scoville, presented the Department of Public Health’s Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges in the matter of Walter Wroblewski, MD. Neither respondent nor his attorney was present.

Dr. Goldenberg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Terranova, to grant the Department of Public Health’s Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges based on Dr. Wroblewski’s voluntary surrender of his license. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O’Neill signed the Order.

***VI. ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEM***

Mr. Miller announced that this will be his last meeting. He will be resigning from the Board because Governor John Rowland has appointed him as a Superior Court Judge.

***VII. ASSIGN HEARING PANELISTS***

Robban Sica, MD - Petition No. 2002-0306-001-043

Dr. Terranova, Dr. Fuller and Ms. Nole will be hearing panelists in this matter. The hearing will be scheduled for February 20, 2004.

Charles Baker, MD - Petition No. 2002-1109-001-194

Dr. Terranova and Ms. Doremus will be hearing panelists in this matter. The Board Liaison will coordinate the scheduling of hearing dates.

Kofi Atta-Mensah, MD - Petition No. 2000-0823-001-151

Ms. Nole will be a hearing panelist in this matter. The Board Liaison will coordinate the scheduling of hearing dates.

M. Albini, - Petition No. 2000-0712-000-079; J. Mershon, - Petition No. 2000-1130-000-146

Dr. Manohar will replace Mr. Miller as a hearing panelist in this matter. Dr. Manohar will be provided a copy of the transcripts and exhibits prior to the next scheduled hearing.

***VIII. TIME EXTENSIONS***

Ms. Nole moved and Dr. Manohar seconded to approve 120-day extensions in the following cases:

R. Dimen, MD – proposed Memorandum of Decision being drafted.

L. Leedom, MD – hearing scheduled for January 20, 2004.

F. Mayeda, MD – hearing to be scheduled for December 2003.

The motion passed unanimously.

***IX. ADJOURNMENT***

Dr. Goldenberg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Miller, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 3:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dennis G. O’Neill, MD, Chairman

**CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
November 18, 2003**

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, November 18, 2003 at the Department of Public Health Complex, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room A/B, Building 470, Hartford, Connecticut.

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***BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:*** Dennis G. O'Neill, MD, Chairman  
Richard Bridburg  
Ann Doremus  
Harold Hebb  
Robert Fuller, MD  
Velandy Manohar, MD  
George Terranova, MD  
Mary L. Warner, PA-C

***BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:*** Harriet A. Fellows, DO  
David M. Goldenberg, MD  
Pamela A. Nole  
John Russell, MD  
C. Steven Wolf, MD

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Dr. O'Neill called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

Dr. Bridburg and Mr. Hebb were welcomed to their first meeting as Board members.

***I. MINUTES***

The draft minutes of the October 21, 2003 meeting were reviewed. Ms. Doremus made a motion, seconded by Dr. Terranova, to approve the minutes. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Bridburg, Mr. Hebb and Ms. Warner who abstained.

***II. OLD BUSINESS***

***A. Department of Public Health update on the Reporting of Adverse Events***

Joan Leavitt, Public Health Services Manager, Department of Public Health provided an update on the reporting of adverse events by hospitals and surgical centers. A copy of a decision making model was provided to the Board. Ms. Leavitt reported that facilities have found this model useful in determining if an event requires reporting.

Since the implementation of reporting adverse events, the Department has received approximately 1500 reports, of which approximately 400 have been assigned for investigation.

The Board asked if the Department in the course of an investigation considers peer review findings. Ms. Leavitt and Stanley Peck, Director, Legal Office, Department of Public Health responded that although the Department is authorized to access peer review material during the course of an investigation, the Department's findings and conclusion are based on the Department's independent analysis and review of records and interviews.

The Board requests the Department provide the next update at the May 2004 meeting.

***III. CHAIR UPDATES***

The following correspondence/information was received and reviewed:

1. Dr. O'Neill reported that Grant Miller submitted a letter resigning from the Board subsequent to his appointment to the Superior Court by Governor Rowland.

8. Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) – Notice of Annual Meeting  
The meeting is scheduled for April 29 – May 1, 2004 in Arlington, Virginia. The federation will pay the expenses for one Board member to attend. Any Board member interested in attending should notify Dr. O’Neill
9. FSMB - Legislative Services Report.
10. Memorandum from Richard Lynch, Assistant Attorney General indicating that Abraham Solomon has appealed to the Appellate Court.
11. Citizen Advocacy Center – *News & Views*, third quarter issue
12. Department of Public Health quarterly investigation update
13. Dr. O’Neill reported that he gave a presentation to the New Haven County Medical Association concerning Board duties and activities.

***IV. INFORMATION UPDATES***

A. Department of Public Health

Mr. Kardys reported that due to new members being appointed to various Boards and Commissions an orientation program has been scheduled for January 7, 2004, beginning at 9:00 a.m. in room 2-A at the Legislative Office Building. All new and veteran Board members are invited to attend.

B. Connecticut State Medical Society

None

***V. NEW BUSINESS***

Proposed Memorandum of Decision – Thomas Cherry, Jr., MD, 2002-0520-001-004

Dr. Terranova and Ms. Doremus, hearing panelists in this matter, provided a synopsis of the panel’s findings and recommendations.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Fuller, to adopt the Memorandum of Decision in this matter. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O’Neill signed the order.

***VI. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS***

A. Consent Order – Susan Karol, MD, Petition No. 2002-0520-000-031

Stanley Peck, Director, Legal Office, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Susan Karol, MD. Respondent was not present or represented.

Dr. Terranova made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bridburg to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O’Neill signed the order.

B. Consent Order – Michael Johnstone (unlicensed), Petition No. 2003-0923-000-066

Stanley Peck, Director, Legal Office, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Michael Johnstone. Respondent was not present or represented.

Dr. Fuller made a motion, seconded by Ms. Doremus to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O’Neill signed the order.

***VII. ASSIGN HEARING PANELISTS***

Jeremy August, MD - Petition No. 2002-0306-001-043

Dr. O’Neill will chair the hearing panel in this matter. Ms. Warner and Mr. Hebb will also be panelists.

***VIII. TIME EXTENSIONS***

Dr. Manohar moved and Dr. Fuller seconded to approve 120-day extensions in the following cases:

J. Christoforo, MD – proposed Memorandum of Decision being drafted.

D. Lansang, MD – hearing held today, proposed Memorandum of Decision to be drafted.

J. Pacheco, MD – proposed Memorandum of Decision to be presented at the November meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

***IX. ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEM***

***Discussion regarding Consent Orders***

Dr. O'Neill reported that he has been in communication with Stanley Peck, Director, Legal Office concerning the process by which Consent Orders are presented to the Board. The Board has expressed concerns that with the process at it currently exists, there are many times when limited information is presented and the Board is unable to make an informed decision.

Mr. Peck has instructed his staff to inform respondents that their presence and/or that of their attorney is required at a board meeting when a Consent Order is to be considered.

***X. ADJOURNMENT***

Being there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dennis G. O'Neill, MD, Chairman

**CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**December 16, 2003**

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, December 16, 2003 at the Department of Public Health Complex, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room A/B, Building 470, Hartford, Connecticut.

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***BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:*** Dennis G. O'Neill, MD, Chairman  
Richard Bridburg  
Ann Doremus  
David M. Goldenberg, MD  
Harold Hebb  
Robert Fuller, MD  
Velandy Manohar, MD  
John Russell, MD  
George Terranova, MD  
C. Steven Wolf, MD

***BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:*** Harriet A. Fellows, DO  
Pamela A. Nole  
Mary L. Warner, PA-C

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Dr. O'Neill called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Dr. Wolf was welcomed to his first meeting as a Board member.

***I. MINUTES***

The draft minutes of the November 18, 2003 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hebb, to approve the minutes. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Goldenberg, Dr. Russell and Dr. Wolf who abstained.

***II. CHAIR UPDATES***

The following correspondence/information was received and reviewed:

1. State-specific requirements for initial medical licensure.
2. Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) – Notice of Annual Meeting  
The meeting is scheduled for April 29 – May 1, 2004 in Arlington, Virginia. The federation will pay the expenses for one Board member to attend. Any Board member interested in attending should notify Dr. O'Neill
3. FSMB – Board of Directors highlights.
4. Memorandum from Donna Brewer, Director, Public Health Hearing Office concerning parking at the Department of Public Health complex.

The Board commented that as volunteers appointed by the Governor, the Department of Public Health should do more to accommodate Board members when they are required to visit the Department for hearings and meetings. Board members are not compensated and are not reimbursed for any expenses. Often times members must take vacation time and/or rearrange their office schedule to attend to Board business.

The Board would like the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health to be made aware of these concerns.

**III. INFORMATION UPDATES**

A. Department of Public Health

None

B. Connecticut State Medical Society

None

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Permit to Practice in a Connecticut Medical School - Kitt Mia Falk Peterson, MD

Shiu-Yu Kettering, Health Program Assistant I, presented a medical school permit application of Kitt Mia Falk Peterson, MD to allow her to practice at the Yale University School of Medicine.

The Board has concerns that the purpose of the medical school permit does not apply in the case of Dr. Peterson.

Dr. Terranova made a motion, seconded by Dr. Manohar, to deny Dr. Peterson's application for a permit to practice in a Connecticut medical school.

B. Proposed Memorandum of Decision – Jose Pacheco, MD, 2002-0927-001-149

Dr. Fuller, a hearing panelist in this matter, provided a synopsis of the panel's findings and recommendations.

Dr. Russell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Terranova, to adopt the Memorandum of Decision in this matter. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O'Neill signed the order.

C. Oral Argument on Proposed Memorandum of Decision – Reynaldo Dimen, MD, 2001-0802-001-113

Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. Staff Attorney David Tilles was present for the Department of Public Health. Attorney Terence Mariani was present on behalf of Dr. Dimen. The Board heard argument from attorneys Tilles and Mariani.

Following oral argument, Dr. Terranova and Ms. Doremus, hearing panelists in this matter, provided a synopsis of the panel's findings and recommendations.

Dr. Fuller made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bridburg, to adopt the proposed Memorandum of Decision. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O'Neill signed the decision.

D. Oral Argument on Proposed Memorandum of Decision – Enrico Khu, MD, 2001-0404-001-052

Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. Staff Attorney David Tilles was present for the Department of Public Health. Attorney Joseph Musco was present on behalf of Dr. Khu. The Board heard argument from attorneys Musco and Tilles.

Following oral argument, Dr. Russell, a hearing panelist in this matter, provided a synopsis of the panel's findings and recommendations.

Dr. Terranova made a motion, seconded by Dr. Goldenberg, to adopt the proposed Memorandum of Decision as edited by the Board. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O'Neill signed the decision.

**V. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS**

A. Consent Order – William O'Connor, MD, Petition No. 2003-0421-001-090

Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in the matter of William O'Connor, MD. Respondent was not present or represented.

Dr. Goldenberg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bridburg to reject the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board recommends that the Department further investigate this matter to obtain information which would allow the Board to make an informed decision.

B. Consent Order – Mukesh Shah, MD, Petition No. 2002-0419-001-075

Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Mukesh Shah, MD. Respondent was present with Attorney James Biondo. This matter was previously reviewed by the Board at the October 21, 2003 meeting. Following discussion Dr. Fuller made a motion, seconded by Mr. Terranova, to adopt the Consent Order as written. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Goldenberg who abstained. Dr. O'Neill signed the Order.

C. Interim Consent Order – Ann Frances Nicol, MD, Petition No. 2003-0123-001-015  
Stanley Peck, Director, Legal Office, Department of Public Health presented an Interim Consent Order in the matter of Ann Frances Nicol, MD. Dr. Nicol was neither present nor represented.  
Dr. Nicol's license in the State of Rhode Island has been summarily suspended for alleged inappropriate prescribing of pain medication.  
Dr. Fuller made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bridburg, to approve the Interim Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O'Neill signed the Order.

**VI. ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEM**  
**Offshore Medical Schools**

The Board reviewed recent articles published in the Hartford Courant regarding the level of medical education offered at Caribbean medical schools.  
Stephen Carragher, Health Program Supervisor, Department of Public Health reported that the Department does a comprehensive credentials review of all foreign trained applicants for physician licensure in the State of Connecticut.

**VII. TIME EXTENSIONS**

Dr. Manohar moved and Dr. Fuller seconded to approve 120-day extensions in the following cases:  
C. Baker, MD – hearing scheduled for March 2004.  
F. Carbone, MD – on hold until respondent's release from incarceration.  
M. Jones, MD – hearing scheduled for February 2004.  
R. Sica, MD – hearing scheduled for February 2004.  
F. Carbone, MD – on hold pending Dental Commission declaratory ruling.  
The motion passed unanimously.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dennis G. O'Neill, MD, Chairman